(d) if so, the action taken by Government in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASAN GOUDA R. PATIL): (a) Under the Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protshan Yojana (DDHPY) 53 projects have been sanctioned so far to the Government of Kerala to be implemented in the following districts:-

S.No.	Name of the district	Projects sanctioned
1	Kollam	29
2	Kottayam	2
3	Ernakulam	6
4	Thrissur	7
5	Kozhikode	9
	Total	53

(b) Out of the total Central share of Rs. 123.82 lakh, the Government of India has released Rs. 61.44 lakh so far for implementation of 53 projects. As reported by the Government of Kerala, out of 53 projects, implementation has commenced in respect of 38 projects.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. 17 projects have been received from the Government of Kerala on 4.8.2003 and 32 on 07.08.03. Out of these, 38 projects found to be in conformity with the guidelines are being processed for sanction. Remaining 11 projects have been returned back to the Government of Kerala for necessary rectification.

Persons Involved in Handloom Industry in A.P.

2532. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than five lakh persons are involved in handloom industry in the State of Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what measures Government have taken for the welfare of these persons and for the overall development of handloom sector in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASAN GOUDA R. PATIL): (a) As per the joint census of handloms & powerlooms conducted during 1995-96, there were 4,90,616 persons engaged in handloom weaving and its associated activities in Andhra Pradesh.

(b) Government of India is implementing a number of Schemes for the overall development of handloom sector and the welfare of the handloom weavers throughout the country, including in Andhra Pradesh, which include:

(1) Design Development & Training Programme

(2) Marketing Promotion Programme

(3) Mill Gate Price Scheme

(4) Deen Dayal Hathkarga Protsahan Yojana

(5) Workshed-cum-Housing Scheme

(6) Weavers Welfare Scheme

(7) Handloom Export Scheme

(8) Implementation of Handlooms (Reservation of Articles for Production) Act, 1985.

A sum of Rs. 1613.93 lakh and Rs. 1320.94 lakh were released to State Government of Andhra Pradesh during 2001-02 and 2002-03 respectively for the implementation of the above schemes.

Proposal for Selling Properties of Azam Jahi Mills in A.P

2533. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to sell properties of Azam Jahi Mills, Warangal, Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh has urged the Government of India not to dispose off the property; and

(c) if so, what decision has been taken by Government?